

**HOLDS OUT HOPE FOR HARRIS.****BROOKLYN'S PROTEST NEXT.**

**Carl Peterson Says Helen Potts Helped Herself to Poison**

**But the Condemned Man Finds a Flaw in His Friend's Story.**

While Carlyle W. Harris is in the cell of a condemned murderer at the Tombs and his lawyers are striving to obtain a new trial for him, there comes from Chicago a startling tale from the lips of a young man who claims to have been a bosom friend of the young medical student and his girl, Helen Potts.

This young man is Carl Peterson. He says that he was engaged to be married to Miss Mollie Meeker, of Astbury Park, in 1891, and that his fiancee and Helen Potts were inseparable friends.

Through Miss Meeker, Peterson says, he became acquainted with Harris and Miss Potts, and adds that Harris often spoke of his intention to marry the latter.

Then Peterson goes on to say that he has been addicted to the morphine or opium habit, and that once while he was in a physician's office and the doctor left the room it was an open case of poisons he (Peterson) pocketed a small vial of morphine.

**SAYS HELEN POTTS TOOK SOME OF THE POISON.**

"That bottle of poison was on the mantelpiece in my room at Astbury Park," says Peterson, "one day when Helen Potts entered the apartment. It was about six weeks before her death."

"She took the bottle from the shelf and poured out about half of its contents into a piece of paper. I protested, but she laughingly replied:

"Oh don't be a goose! I shall not poison myself. I am going to take it to improve my complexion."

"She wrapped the morphine up and took it away. I thought nothing more of it till I read the account of Harris's trial. I thought he was in no danger from what I read, and as I had left New York to escape certain debts that I was unable to pay I did not mention the important evidence that I might have given."

A clever lawyer, however, said he should marry her, and he talked hopefully of his marriage. He offered her an offer of \$100 a week, so soon as he got his "sheepskin" and that then he and Helen would be married.

Others, however, did not know that they were already married, and I suggested to him that \$20 a week would not be a very large capital for a young couple in New York.

"He then replied that it would be a start and that they would get along some how."

An EVENING WORLD reporter called at the home of Carl Peterson, who said that as a condemned prisoner is not permitted to receive any visitors his lawyers and his family. The reporter was sent in a note reading, "The attorney had no objection for a corroboration or denial of it." In response Carl Harris returned the following:

**WHAT BARBER HIMSELF SAYS.**

"I me, Mr. Peterson and no reason to doubt his veracity. He and Miss M. Helen Potts, who is the mother of the condemned, just before Helen went to the Comstock school.

"I never heard of morphine being used for complexion, tho!"

"My courage is still all there," Thanks,

Harris.

The last sentence was in reply to an inquiry as to his mental condition.

One of the singular things about Harris is his apathy to justice. He does not mind being condemned, nor does he seem to care if he is hanged.

He is, however, not known to have been unprincipled. It was he who, in producing the evidence against Frederic R. Conner, showed that the audience had assembled for the purpose of protesting against Frederic R. Hill when made the President candidate of his party.

Hundreds are said to have been present at the rally, unable to gain admittance to the hall, and the admission fee paid for the organization of open-air meeting meetings.

The meeting was representative, not merely of the anti-slavery movement of the country, but of the entire State. Delegates were present from nearly every county in the State, being particularly numerous from the western counties.—ERIC C. CHAMBERS, General Officer, Army of the South.

The gentleman said that though they felt that the opposition to the majority might triumph in their city, he had no desire to leave the country.

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